

Congressman Jim Langevin (RI-02)

Throughout his career, Congressman Jim Langevin (LAN'-jih-vin) has fought to open the doors of government to its rightful owners - the people of this great nation.

Langevin is a senior member of the [House Armed Services Committee](#), on which he chairs the [Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems \(CITI\) Subcommittee](#) and serves on the Subcommittees on [Seapower and Projection Forces](#) and [Strategic Forces](#). As a supporter of the critical national security work taking place in Rhode Island, Langevin has worked in committee to support the production of the extraordinary Columbia-class submarines built in Quonset, meeting military needs and creating hundreds of new jobs.

Langevin is also a senior member of the [House Committee on Homeland Security](#), where he serves as a member of the Subcommittees on [Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation](#) and [Intelligence and Counterterrorism](#).

As part of the Democratic Leadership team, Langevin serves as both a Democratic Regional Whip for New England and a member of House Majority Whip James Clyburn's Senior Whip Team. In these roles, he is responsible for educating other Democratic members on key issues and helping to craft the party's strategy and legislative agenda.

Protecting our nation's technology infrastructure from cyberattacks is a top priority for Langevin. As the co-founder and co-chairman of the bipartisan [Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus](#), he is a leader in Congress on driving cybersecurity policy forward. Langevin was one of four members of Congress to serve on the [Cyberspace Solarium Commission](#), a panel created to "develop a consensus on a strategic approach to defending the United States in cyberspace against cyber attacks of significant consequences." [The Commission's report](#) was presented to the public in March 2020 and contained more than 80 recommendations to implement a strategy of layered cyber deterrence. With the passage of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, 27 of the Commission's recommendations were codified into law, including, most notably, Langevin's [National Cyber Director Act](#). The National Cyber Director will be a voice in the White House charged with coordinating cybersecurity policy across all branches and levels of government and strengthening the United States' response to cyber attacks.

As co-chair of the bipartisan [Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus](#), Langevin advocates to improve and increase access to training that gives students and workers the skills that best fit the needs of expanding industries. Among efforts to boost Rhode Island's workforce, he launched a competition to introduce high school students to the rapidly growing cybersecurity field and has secured funding to start additional workforce development initiatives. In 2018, Langevin worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to author the [Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act](#), a comprehensive Perkins Act reauthorization that provided \$1.2 billion in funding annually for job training programs across the country. Langevin has long been an advocate for apprenticeship and workforce training programs because he understands that a four-year degree is not the only path to a fulfilling career and financial security.

A voice for the disability community, Langevin championed the passage of a bipartisan bill to expand services for families caring for their aging loved ones and loved ones with disabilities. The program provides caretakers the support they need in order to keep their loved ones living at home. As an advocate for inclusion for people with disabilities, Langevin was instrumental in the passage of the [ADA Amendments Act](#), a bill that fortified the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As a fierce supporter of accessible, affordable health care coverage, Langevin was a champion for the [Affordable Care Act](#). Among its many provisions, the law keeps young people covered, protects coverage for Americans with preexisting conditions, and lowers out of pocket costs for middle class Americans. As of 2021, 96% of Rhode Islanders have health insurance.

Langevin's commitment to advancing the science of stem cell research has earned him recognition as a national leader who works tirelessly to educate and encourage his colleagues to embrace medical research in all of its forms. Langevin helped champion the passage of legislation to expand the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research and continues to fight for progress in medical research. Langevin prioritizes strengthening the economy through workforce development, strong skills training, and a focus on growth sectors in Rhode Island including IT, cybersecurity, health care and the food economy. He advocates for investments in the middle class and a balanced approach to tax reform.

State Service

Langevin first ran for office in 1986, when he was elected as a delegate to Rhode Island's Constitutional Convention and served as its secretary. Two years later, he won election to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where he established a reputation as a hard-working reformer committed to good government.

In 1994, Langevin defeated a Republican incumbent to become the nation's youngest Secretary of State. He transformed the office into "the people's partner in government" and took on the challenge of reforming Rhode Island's outdated election system. Committed to transparent government, Langevin established the state's Public Information Center and, with Brown University, published "Access Denied," a report that examined the General Assembly's compliance with the Open Meetings Law and documented routine and widespread violations.

In 1998, Langevin won re-election to his second term as Secretary of State **with the largest plurality of any other statewide official**. In 2000, he made a successful run for the U.S. House of Representatives, and he has been serving the Second Congressional District ever since.

Personal Biography

Born April 22, 1964, Langevin is a lifelong resident of Warwick, Rhode Island.

At the age of 16, Langevin was injured while working with the Warwick Police Department in the Boy Scout Explorer program. A gun accidentally discharged, and a bullet struck Langevin, leaving him paralyzed. The tremendous outpouring of support from his community inspired Langevin to serve his community and enter public service. He is the first quadriplegic to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Langevin graduated from Rhode Island College and earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.